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## Media Release

### ***Packaging Environmental Regulations Report Now Available***

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The Sustainable Packaging Alliance has released its report “Packaging and Product Stewardship: A Summary of International Regulations and Policies (2006)”.

The report is a user friendly reference to help companies identify and understand environmental legislation impacting packaging design in 34 countries. The report is also a useful reference for policy makers, providing a fast track method to compare and reference regulatory frameworks around the world and a useful resource for educators and researchers.

Internationally, the environmental impacts of packaging are subject to an increasing number of government regulations and co-regulatory agreements. These regulations are quite varied and in an increasingly global marketplace companies that manufacture or use packaging need to stay up to date on regulatory trends which are driving change in the way that packaging is designed, used and managed at end-of-life and their legal obligations.

The report provides a brief summary of each regulation and web links for further information where these are available. It covers the European Commission as well as individual European countries; Australia; New Zealand; Canada; the United States as well as many individual states; Brazil; China; Japan; Malaysia; Singapore; South Korea; India; Bangladesh; Taiwan; and South Africa.

The range of policies covered by the report includes Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations, voluntary agreements such as Australia’s National Packaging Covenant (NPC), Container Deposit Legislation (CDL), targets, product bans and eco-taxes.

The 36-page report can be purchased from the Sustainable Packaging Alliance’s website: [www.sustainablepack.org](http://www.sustainablepack.org).

The Sustainable Packaging Alliance is an initiative of RMIT University, through its Centre for Design, Victoria University of Technology through its Packaging and Polymer Research Unit and Birubi Innovation Pty Ltd. The Alliance provides a focal point for the development of knowledge, tools and expertise to facilitate continuous improvement in the environmental performance and sustainability of packaging systems.

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